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water in the Canton river, same description will apply. No rain has fallen here for months; the creeks are drying up rapidly. The rice crop will likely prove a total failure unless heavy rainfalls occur within the next few days. Although this is termed the rainy season, it is the driest season experienced in south China for the last seventeen years.

Respectfully, ROBERT M. MCWADE,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

COSTA RICA.

Yellow fever at Limon.

[Cablegram.]

LIMON, COSTA RICA, *April 17, 1902.*

Three cases yellow fever, death yesterday.—CARSON.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *April 14, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following weekly report of transactions in the district under my command, for the week ended April 12, 1902: Eighteen deaths have occurred in this city. Of these, 8 occurred in the civil hosipital. No contagious diseases reported. Causes of death: Tuberculosis, 4; insufficiency, mitral, 3; paludism, 2; myelitis, 1; enteritis, 1; gangrene, 1; cancer, 1; congenital debility, 1; tetanus, infantile, 1; hemorrhage, cerebral, 1; pernicious fever, 1; Bright's disease, 1. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 23.46. Eleven vessels inspected and passed, granted free pratique; 4 vessels admitted without inspection; 13 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land, and 17 bills of health issued to vessels prior to departure.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 7 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases reported; 12 vessels inspected and passed, granted free pratique; 11 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro M. Quevedo reports, for the week ended March 29, no deaths at that port, and 5 vessels inspected and passed, granted free pratique; 3 bills of health issued to vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro M. Quevedo reports, for the week ended April 5, 1 death at that port. No contagious diseases reported in that vicinity; 5 vessels inspected and passed, granted free pratique; 6 bills of health issued to vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port. Recapitulation of weekly reports from Santa Cruz del Sur for the month from February 23 to March 29 as follows: one death at that port; no contagious diseases

reported; 24 vessels inspected and passed, granted free pratique; 23 bills of health issued to vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port during period.

Respectfully, FELIX GIRALT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Matanzas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, *April 10, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the usual report of the transactions of the Service in the second quarantine division of the island of Cuba for the week ended April 5, 1902.

Thirteen deaths were reported in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report. The principal causes of death were as follows: Broncho-pneumonia, 3; congenital debility, 2; heart disease, 2; entero-colitis, 1; meningitis, 1; malignant pustule, 1; other causes, 3. The annual death rate per 1,000 was, therefore, 13.97. Six vessels entered the port during the week, 2 of which were inspected and passed and 4 passed without inspection. Five bills of health were issued. One case of varicella was reported by the municipal health authorities.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports the entry of 12 vessels during the week at the port of Cardenas, and that 13 bills of health were issued during the same period. Eleven deaths were reported by the municipal authorities, indicating a death rate of 23.10 per 1,000 per year.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Garcia Riera reports the entry of 18 vessels, 4 of which were inspected and passed. Thirteen bills of health were issued during the week. Seven deaths were reported, showing a mortality of 17.11 per 1,000. No case of a particularly contagious character was reported.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports the arrival of 9 vessels, all of which were passed without inspection. Seven bills of health were issued. Three deaths were reported, showing a death rate of 18.10.

Respectfully, G. M. GUITÉRAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Command.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas, Puerto Padre, Gibara, Banes, and Baracoa.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *April 7, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit the following report for the quarantine district under my command, for the week ended April 5, 1902:

Six vessels arrived at this port and 7 bills of health were issued to vessels prior to departing. The mortuary report for the week is 1 death, due to pulmonary tuberculosis, and the sanitary condition is good.

Puerto Padre.—Report shows the arrival of 5 vessels, the issuance of 6 bills of health, 2 deaths—pulmonary phthisis, 1; typhoid fever, 1—and good sanitary condition.